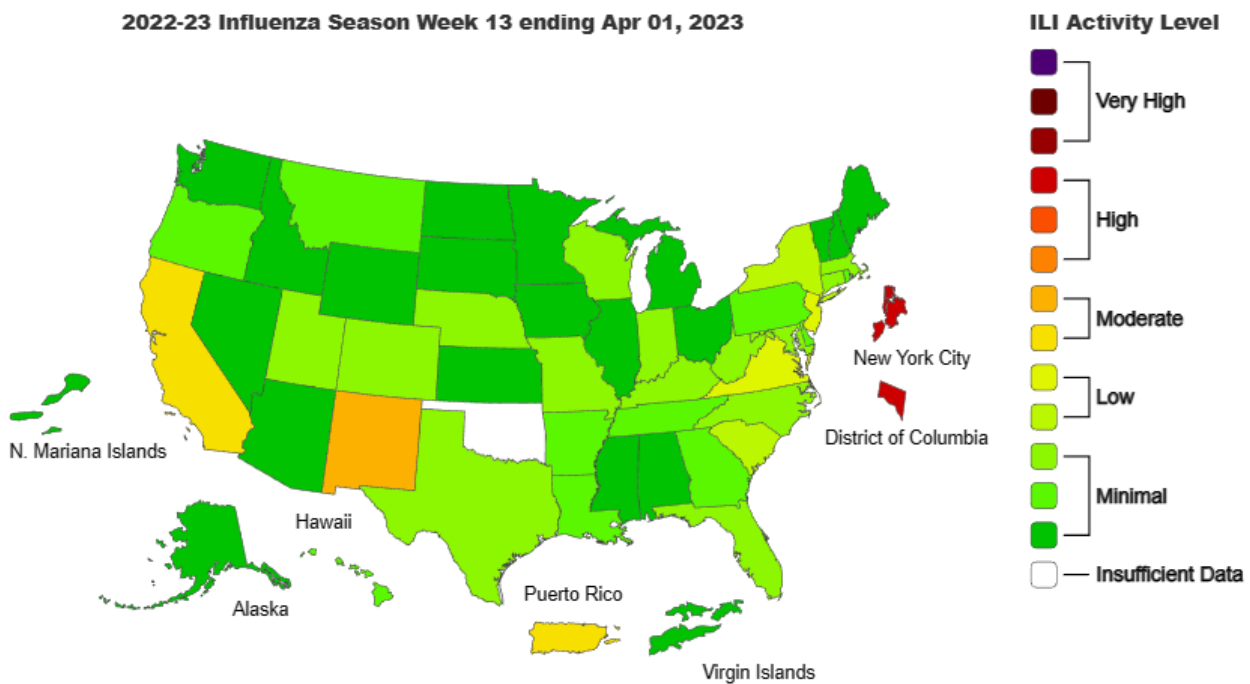




Influenza

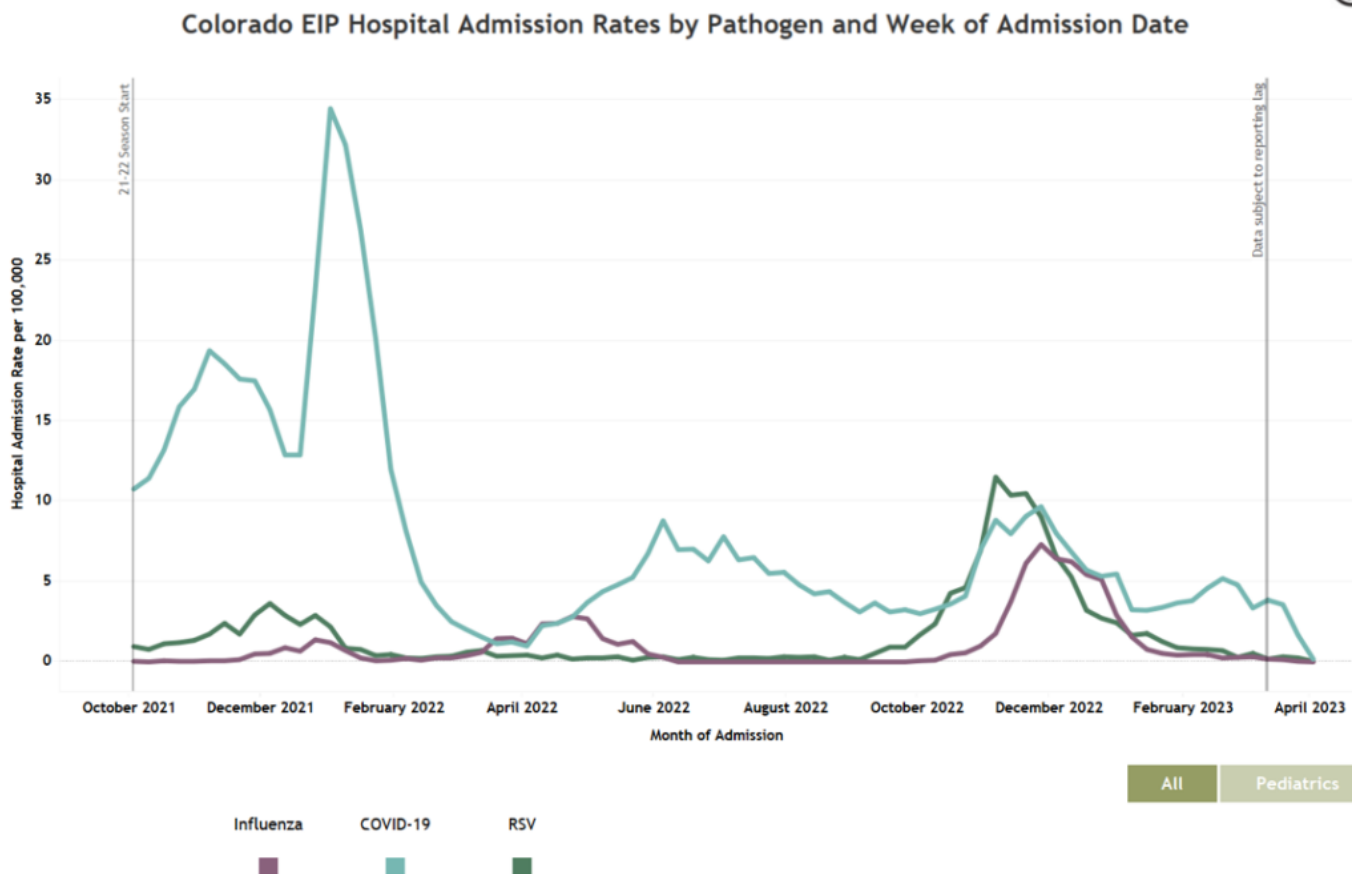
You can probably stop giving influenza vaccines now if you have not already done so.



COVID

Transmission levels **high in Teller and Summit Counties.** **El Paso is at substantial** transmission level. **Kit Carson is Low.**

[Link to CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)



Infection Control Tag Update

F880 + F887

The combination is now required to rise to the level of significant penalty. Individual infection control tags should not carry a significant penalty any longer.

Unrepresented Residents

[Medical Decisions For Unrepresented Patients | Colorado General Assembly - docShepherd](#)

Please consider developing a program that involves family or friends of previous residents that would be willing volunteer to act as a proxy decision maker for a



resident that has no guardian or POA.

[House bill 16-1101](#) outlines the requirements for a physician to become a proxy for a resident.

BILL SUMMARY

An attending physician may designate another willing physician to make health care treatment decisions as a patient's proxy decision-maker if:

- After making reasonable efforts, the physician cannot locate any interested persons, or none of the interested persons are willing and able to serve as proxy decision-maker;
- The attending physician has obtained an independent assessment of the patient's lack of decisional capacity by another health care provider;
- The physician has consulted with and obtained a consensus on the proxy designation with the medical ethics committee of the health care facility where the patient is receiving care; and
- The identity of the physician designated as proxy decision-maker is documented in the medical record.

The authority of the proxy decision-maker terminates in the event that an interested person is willing to serve as proxy decision-maker, a guardian is appointed, the patient regains decisional capacity, the proxy decision-maker decides to no longer serve as the patient's proxy decision-maker, or the patient is transferred or discharged from the facility, if any, where the patient is receiving care (unless the proxy decision-maker expresses his or her intention to continue to serve as proxy decision-maker).

The act establishes guidelines to which an attending physician and proxy decision-maker shall adhere for proxy decision-making.



When acting in good faith as a proxy decision-maker, a physician is not subject to civil or criminal liability or regulatory sanction.

Candida auris

More to come in May.

Candida auris is an emerging fungus that presents a serious global health threat. CDC is concerned about *C. auris* for three main reasons:

- multidrug-resistant, meaning that it is resistant to multiple antifungal drugs commonly used to treat *Candida* infections. Some strains are resistant to all three available classes of antifungals.
- difficult to identify with standard laboratory methods, and it can be misidentified in labs without specific technology.
- It has caused outbreaks in healthcare settings. For this reason, it is important to quickly identify *C. auris* in a hospitalized patient so that healthcare facilities can take special precautions to stop its spread.
- [Candida auris | Candida auris | Fungal Diseases | CDC](#)

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